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Security Council

11 a.m. . . . . 5091st meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council mission

   Briefing by the Head of the Security Council mission to Central Africa

Morning[1] . . . . . 5092nd meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

   Letter dated 26 November 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/927)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 5091st meeting.

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. . . . . 62nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: fifth report of the General Committee (A/59/250/Add.4) . . . . . [8]
2. Question of Palestine . . . . . [37]

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/59/35)

(continued overleaf)

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(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/59/574)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/59/L.34, A/59/L.35, A/59/L.36 and A/59/L.37)

3. The situation in the Middle East [36]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/59/431 and A/59/574)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/59/L.39 and A/59/L.40)

3 p.m. 63rd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [36]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/59/431 and A/59/574)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/59/L.39 and A/59/L.40)

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Human resources management (A/59/263, A/59/263/Add.1, A/59/263/Add.2, A/59/357, A/59/211, A/59/264, A/59/291, A/59/446, A/59/217, A/59/222, A/58/666, A/59/299, A/C.5/58/L.13, A/58/283, A/59/213, A/59/213/Add.1, A/C.5/59/CRP.3, A/C.5/59/4, A/59/388, A/59/253, A/59/152, A/58/704, A/56/956, A/56/956/Add.1, A/59/65 and A/59/65/Add.1))

3–4.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 108 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/539 and A/59/396))

4.30–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 112 (Pattern of conferences (A/59/32, A/59/159, A/59/159/Add.1, A/59/172, A/59/418, A/59/133, A/59/133/Corr.1, A/58/435, A/58/435/Add.1 and A/58/620))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2004

2. Statements of programme budget implications

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Second Committee

Informal "informals"

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Claudio Rojas (Chile), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (Globalization and interdependence), will be held *today*, 30 November 2004, from 10 to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Bruno van der Pluijm (Belgium), on the draft resolution on agenda item 88 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries), will be held *today*, 30 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon), on the draft resolution on agenda item 89 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)), will be held *today*, 30 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Olivier Chave (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on agenda item 90 (b) (Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system), will be held *today*, 30 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Khondker Talha (Bangladesh), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (a) (International trade and development), will be held *today*, 30 November 2004, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Peter Gebert (Denmark), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (Sustainable development), will be held *today*, 30 November 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal "informals", convened by Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), on the draft resolution on agenda item 88 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation), will be held *today*, 30 November 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 92 (a) (United Nations Institute for Training and Research), will be held *today*, 30 November 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Félix Mbayu (Cameroon), on the draft resolution on agenda item 84 (Follow up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development), will be held *today*, 30 November 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (b) (International financial system and development), will be held *today*, 30 November 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (d) (Commodities), will be held *today*, 30 November 2004, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 30 November 2004

JUSCANZ Group *(Second Committee experts)*

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 *(draft resolutions on training and research: United Nations University; eradication of poverty and other development issues: women in development; and macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on eradication of poverty and other development issues: achieving coherence of development goals with conflict prevention and peace-building measures)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Group of 77 *(revitalization of the work of the Second Committee)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(draft resolution entitled "Celebrating the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family"(under agenda item 94))*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on cooperation between the United Nations and Southern African Development Community (under agenda item 56 (s)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mauritius)

10–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Non-Aligned Movement *(peacekeeping operations)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the third draft of the resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Panel on "Innovative avenues for addressing HIV/AIDS" (organized by the United States Mission)

There will be a panel discussion on "Innovative Avenues for Addressing HIV/AIDS", moderated by Ms. Lynn Sherr, ABC News, *today*, 30 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Ms. Mary Wilson, CultureConnect Ambassador, will be among the panellists. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 30 November 2004

Room S-226

10 a.m. . . . . Background briefing on the report of the High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

12.30 p.m. . . . . Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Mr. John Updike, author; Mr. Salman Rushdie, author; and Ms. Nadine Gordimer, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador and Nobel Laureate (to launch "Telling Tales", a collection of short stories published for the benefit of HIV/AIDS victims in Southern Africa)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 1 December 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 6 December 2004, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005

The Secretary-General of the United Nations International Meeting would like to inform all concerned that the International Meeting will be held in Mauritius from 10 to 14 January 2005. It will be preceded by two days of informal consultations in Mauritius on Saturday and Sunday, 8 and 9 January. The high-level segment will be held on Thursday and Friday, 13 and 14 January.

Lists of speakers

Plenary interactive panels

There will be no speakers' lists for the interactive panels organized in the plenary, scheduled to take place from Monday, 10 January, to Wednesday, 12 January.

High-level segment general debate

The list of speakers for the high-level segment of the International Meeting, to be held on 13 and 14 January 2005, is open for the general debate under item 8 of the provisional agenda entitled, "Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States". Statements would be presented by Heads of State or Government, or their high-level appointees, on the basis of the list to be drawn up by the Secretariat in accordance with established practice. It has been recommended that statements not exceed five minutes. Delegations wishing to inscribe should indicate the name and designation for the speakers' list to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail fidler@un.org).

High-level segment round tables

There will be two round tables on the overall theme "The Way Forward".

Round table 1, to be held on Thursday, 13 January, from 3 to 6 p.m., will highlight resources; and *Round table 2*, to be held on Friday, 14 January, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will highlight capacity-building and technology transfer.

Delegations wishing to inscribe should indicate the name and designation and the round table to which they would like to inscribe to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail fidler@un.org). Each interactive round table would have 40-50 participants and would be open to Heads of State or Government or their high-level appointees.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 39) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in its capacity of the presidency of the European Union)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 39), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in its capacity of the presidency of the European Union, on Wednesday, 1 December 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. For an electronic copy of the text or any further questions, please contact Mr. Dirk-Jan Nieuwenhuis (e-mail dj.nieuwenhuis@minbuza.nl).

United Nations Development Programme

The second informal meeting in the process of consultation with Member States of UNDP on the *Human Development Report 2005* will take place on Thursday, 9 December 2004, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Announcements

Security Council

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Background information on a report of the Secretary-General

The report of the Secretary-General on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/59/545 and can also be found on the United Nations Web site (www.un.org/SG).

High-level round tables to be convened during the high-level plenary meetings of the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development

The forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development will be held at Headquarters from 9 to 18 February 2005. In its resolution 2004/58, the Economic and Social Council decided that the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development should convene high-level plenary meetings open to the participation of all United Nations Member States and observers on the 10-year review of the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly. *The high-level plenary meetings will be held on 10 and 11 February 2005. In this regard, three high-level round tables will be convened on eradication of poverty, promoting full employment and fostering social integration*. Information on the modalities and background notes for each of these three round tables is available for pick-up outside room DC2-1320. For further information, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/csocd2005.htm.

Preparations for the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (28 February-11 March 2005), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Addressing the linkages between the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration: progress, gaps and challenges; and (b) Future perspectives on the promotion of gender equality: through the eyes of young women and men. Delegations were kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org and/or proppe@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463; room DC2-1268 or room DC2-1262), no later than Friday, 26 November 2004, indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated.

2004 Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World

Delegations are kindly informed that the list of speakers at the high-level segment on Thursday and Friday, 2 and 3 December 2004, at the First Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Executive Secretariat at the Geneva Branch of the Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. +41 (0) 22-917-5281 or 22-917-2281). Delegations are kindly asked to indicate the level of the representative as well as the preferred time-block for delivering their statement (i.e. 2 December, morning session, 2 December, afternoon session, or 3 December, morning session). Delegations are reminded that the allotted time for statements is 6 minutes.

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

Copies of UNU-Wider Study on "New Sources of Development Finance"

Copies of the recently released UNU-WIDER Study on "New Sources of Development Finance" can be obtained from the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-2386) (limited to one copy for each Permanent Mission).

Summary of meetings

Monday, 29 November 2004

Security Council

5089th meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Albania, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Serbia and Montenegro and Switzerland, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Søren Jessen-Petersen, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Jessen-Petersen.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Mr. Nebojša Ćović, President of the Coordination Centre of Serbia and Montenegro and of the Republic of Serbia for Kosovo and Metohia, under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Romania, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, Angola, Brazil, the Philippines, France, Spain, China, Chile, Germany, Pakistan and Benin, and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of the United States.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), Switzerland, Japan, Albania and Norway.

His Excellency Mr. Ović made a further statement.

Mr. Jessen-Petersen responded to comments and questions raised.

5090th meeting

The question concerning Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (S/2004/908)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Haiti, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2004/923, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

Before the vote, the representative of Brazil made a statement.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2004/923) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2004/923) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1576 (2004).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Chile and Spain.

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

61st plenary meeting

Question of Palestine . . . . . [37]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/59/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/59/574)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/59/L.34, A/59/L.35, A/59/L.36 and A/59/L.37)

The situation in the Middle East . . . . . [36]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/59/431 and A/59/574)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/59/L.39 and A/59/L.40)

H.E. Mr. Paul Badji, Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/59/L.34, A/59/L.35, A/59/L.36 and A/59/L.37.

H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri, Rapporteur of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced the report of Committee (A/59/35).

H.E. Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, Head of the observer delegation of Palestine, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey), Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, the Syrian Arab Republic, Algeria, Lebanon, the Sudan, Egypt, Zambia, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

General Committee

7th meeting

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item submitted by several Member States (A/59/238) [8]

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Kazakhstan, Peru, Morocco, Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Kyrgyzstan made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Peru.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the sub-item entitled "Rendering assistance to the poor mountain countries to overcome obstacles in socio-economic and ecological areas", should be included in the agenda of the fifty-ninth session as a sub-item of agenda item 85 (instead of item 88), under Heading B, and that it should be allocated to the Second Committee.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

28th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.11, which had been coordinated by the representative of Egypt on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.12, which had been coordinated by the representative of Guatemala, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Japan made a statement.

The Chief of the Political, Legal and Humanitarian Service of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to a question raised.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Administration of justice at the United Nations . . . . . [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the President of the United Nations Staff Union.

Statements were made by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Argentina, Bangladesh, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, Nigeria and the United States.

The Senior Legal Adviser in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this item at this stage.

Organization of work

The representative of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee also made statements.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

283rd meeting

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine read a message from Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

The Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories made a statement.

The representative of Malaysia read a message from the Prime Minister of Malaysia, in his capacity as Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

The representative of Turkey read a message from the Foreign Minister of Turkey, in his capacity as Chairman of the Thirty-first Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

The representative of Nigeria read a message from the President of Nigeria, in his capacity as Chairman of the African Union.

The observer for the League of Arab States read a message from the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

A representative of civil society organizations made a statement, on behalf of the International Coordinating Network on Palestine.

Messages on the occasion were received from the Heads of State of the following countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Mexico, Namibia, Pakistan, Qatar, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Yemen.

Messages were received from the Heads of Government of the following countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Lesotho, Mali and Thailand.

Messages were received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the following countries: Argentina, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Japan, Romania, Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine.

Messages were received from the Chairman of the Commission of the African Union, the European Union and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

A message was received from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Messages were received from the following non-governmental organizations: Caritas Internationalis, Committee for Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue and Cyprus Solidarity Committee (EPAL).

A statement was made by the Head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A concluding statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

Extension of time-limit under article 38 (2) of the Agreement for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until 31 December 2005

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Chile (29 November 2004)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Chile (29 November 2004)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Chile (29 November 2004)[1]

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Ratification: Canada (26 November 2004)[1]

Accession: Armenia (29 November 2004)[1]

Ratification: Ghana (29 November 2004)[1]

Amendment to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 21 December 2001

Ratification: Greece (26 November 2004)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on "Fighting AIDS – Why is it such a challenge to the world?", on Thursday, 2 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4.

United Nations University book launch

There will be a panel discussion, organized by the United Nations University with the Peace and Governance Programme, on the occasion of the launch of the book *Ideals & Reality: Can the UN Promote Democracy?*, on Thursday, 2 December 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. For further information, please contact Mr. Jibecke Jonsson, UNU New York Office (room DC2-2060; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387) (on-line registration: www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm).

Special event to observe the International Day of Disabled Persons

On the occasion of the International Day of Disabled Persons, there will be a special event, organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), with the support of the Department of Public Information (DPI). The event, to be opened by Mr. Johan Schölvinck, DESA, will take place on Friday, 3 December 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Rita Chung, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-8765; e-mail chungr@unorg).

Panel discussion to observe the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family

There will be a panel discussion to observe the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, moderated by Mr. Johan Schöolvinck, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Monday, 6 December 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The panel will take place immediately following the adjournment of the *morning* plenary meeting of the General Assembly to observe the tenth anniversary. Members of Permanent Missions and United Nations agencies and organizations, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

General information

Web sites

Presidency of the General Assembly:
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